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The City of Enchantment



**DIAMOND
CELEBRATION**



Celebrating 70 Years

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The City of  *Enchantment*
Greetings from the Mayor

Hello Lake Jackson,

As we enter the second quarter of 2013 the future looks bright for our city. Several projects are in the final stages, some are in the planning and/or construction phase and others are on the horizon. Lake Jackson has a great opportunity to continue to grow and prosper as we move forward.

To review some ongoing projects, I will look at the downtown revitalization first. As of Friday, March 22 there is one final concrete pour scheduled on March 28 and the initial project will be complete. Obviously there have been some delays and issues but hopefully That Way will reopen completely within three weeks. Some businesses have been affected more than others but, finally, there should be reason to breathe a sigh of relief. A bond election in 2010 gave approval to complete the infrastructure replacement in the central part of the city. Those bonds will be sold this spring which will allow the city to complete the upgrading of the infrastructure that has been ongoing over the last few years. Last, but certainly not least, Texas Roadhouse construction is underway at Brazos Mall. The familiar Roadhouse facade is the most visible example of the work going on but progress is being made on the interior as well.

New projects that will soon begin will bring changes to our city as well. There is hope that new home construction will begin in Oyster Bend by the fourth quarter of this year. Engineering and permitting phases are in various stages for that project as we speak. The projects announced by our community industrial partners will open many new opportunities for Lake Jackson. An agreement has been reached between the owners of Brazos Mall and Brazoria County to construct the long awaited entry drive off the feeder road of 288 into the ring road on the east side of the mall. This will be in the area behind Kentucky Fried Chicken and adjoin the road that passes in front of Sears and Texas Roadhouse. Final approval is expected soon from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and construction will be underway with the hope the road might open by mid to late November.

To encourage commercial growth within our city limits and parts of our extra-territorial jurisdiction, we hope to partner with Brazoria County, Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to extend water and sewer to the airport and ultimately to the Wayne Scott Prison Farm to the west of the airport. This will allow businesses to locate in or near Lake Jackson, provide water for the airport, both for consumption and fire protection, and the prison could ultimately become a utility customer of the City of Lake Jackson. Representative Dennis Bonnen and Senator Larry Taylor are working to get the necessary guidelines approved by this session of the Legislature to allow this growth to occur. Great things are going on in Lake Jackson.

Our 70th Anniversary Celebration has been ongoing since the spring of 2012. The first event was the logo design contest and the entries were all great which made the choice difficult. Lindsay Barksdale was the designer of the 70th Anniversary logo that was chosen. A favorite item associated with the anniversary has been the cookbook that was developed with many great recipes. In February, the 70th Car/Motorcycle Show was held with over 110 combined entries at the Civic Center parking lot. A quilt raffle was held in February as well. In March a Gala sponsored by the Senior Commission was held with over 150 participants. Our most recent events were held the weekend of April 4-6. I hope you were able to participate in the Legacy Dinner, Big Band Dance or 70th Festival (fun-run, food/craft booths, music fest on the plaza) held that weekend. All these events were well attended and much fun. Our next event will be the Oral History Presentation on Hurricanes held June 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Jackson Police Department. Watch our website for details on more 70th events taking place.

We are in exciting times. Come out and enjoy the 70th events, drive the newly constructed streets but, most importantly, remember to shop locally. Our local merchants are our neighbors and let's give them our support. Be safe as spring time comes and goes and vacation time will be upon us.

Thanks for being in Lake Jackson.



Joe Rinehart
Mayor

Lake Jackson Vision Statement

It is the Vision of the City of Lake Jackson to create an ideal community to live, work and play for all.



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Directory

Phone Numbers

Emergency - Only!	911
(police, fire and ambulance)	
Police (Non-Emergency)	415-2700
Fire Marshall	415-2726
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EMS Chief	415-2714
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Humane Center	415-2700
Regional Animal Shelter	285-2340
Municipal Court	297-1031
Library	415-2590

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Visit our Website at
www.lakejackson-tx.gov

Boards & Commissions Meeting Schedule



CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m. • 1st & 3rd Monday

PLANNING COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

6:30 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

KEEP LAKE JACKSON BEAUTIFUL

6:00 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

(meets at police station)

6:00 p.m. • 2nd Monday

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

(meets at civic center)

6:30 p.m. • 4th Monday

LIBRARY BOARD

(meets at library)

5:15 p.m. • Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday

As Called:

◇ BOARD OF HEALTH

◇ HIKE & BIKE COMMITTEE

◇ LJ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

◇ MUSEUM BOARD

◇ ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

◇ CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

(Odd Years)

◇ DANGEROUS STRUCTURE

DETERMINATION BOARD

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Lake Jackson City Hall, 25 Oak Drive.

You are cordially invited to attend.

Check the City Calendar on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov for all City Council and Board and Commission agendas. Agendas are typically posted on Friday afternoon or at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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THE WILDERNESS
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS
Experience The Wilderness

**Come join the fun!
Register for The Wilderness
Junior Golf Academy!**

**Junior
Golf Camp
2013**

Snack, drinks and lunch provided.
We will be playing on the Golf
Course the last day of camp!

**June 10 - 13 , July 8 - 11
and July 29 - August 1**
9a.m. - 12:00noon • \$125 per student

THE WILDERNESS
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS

 **KemperSports**

501 W. Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson, TX 77566
979.297.GOLF(4653)
www.thewildernessgc.com



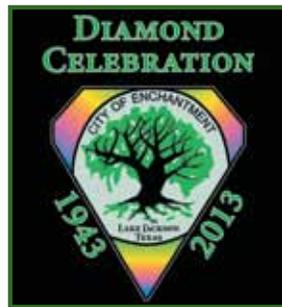
Lake Jackson Celebrates 70 Years (1943-2013)

Happy Birthday Lake Jackson!

The first families arrived in Lake Jackson in 1943. Since this time, Lake Jackson has grown and prospered, fittingly becoming known to its citizens as “The City of Enchantment.” Now in 2013, with a population of just under 27,000, Lake Jackson is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

**Congratulations to
Lindsay Barksdale!!**

**Lindsay won the 2012 art logo
contest and her design is now
The 70th Anniversary Logo.**



Lake Jackson has been celebrating all year long with events such as a car show, fun run, oral history and festival.

We still have a few events left this year. Please join us:

- Oral History Presentation on Hurricanes
June 6, 6:30 p.m.
Lake Jackson Police Department
- Oral History on the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department
October 10, 2013
Lake Jackson Fire Station #1
- My Way Exhibit
August 6 – September 22
LJ Historical Museum
- The 1943’s play “Kiss and Tell”
October 10, for two weeks
Brazosport College - FREE
- Veteran’s Day Parade
November 11, 11:00 a.m.
Downtown Lake Jackson

ELECTION DAY

MAY 11, 2013

The 2013 General Election for the City of Lake Jackson will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Election Day voting for all Lake Jackson Precincts will be at the Lake Jackson Civic Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

VOTE EARLY
April 29th - May 7th
at the Lake Jackson Library.

You may also vote at any of the other early voting locations – visit our website for times and other locations.

May 2013 Ballot:

**City Council Position 1:
Heather Melass**

**City Council Position 3:
Glenda Mendoza Rose
Gerald Roznovsky**

**City Council Position 5:
Jon “J.B.” Baker
Vinay Singhania**



Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS
415-2430



Household Garbage

Residential garbage is picked up at the curb twice weekly.

If you live **North** of Oyster Creek Drive, your household garbage is picked up on Monday and Thursday.

If you live **South** of Oyster Creek Drive, your household garbage is picked up on Tuesday and Friday.

Garbage must be placed on the curb no later than 8:00 am on the days of collection in order to ensure that it will be picked up. Please do not use a garbage can for household garbage - A sticker will be placed on the container and it will not be emptied. You can purchase garbage bags at City Hall for \$5.50 (roll of 50) bags above 35 gallons will not be picked up.

Recyclables

Co-mingled recyclables are picked up curbside once a week and always on the second day of your household garbage pickup. Please place recyclables at the curb no later than 8:00 am in order to ensure it will be picked up. When placing the blue bags for collection, be sure to keep them separate from your household garbage.

The blue bags may be purchased at City Hall for \$5.50 (roll of 50) or your local grocery store.

Recyclables include: plastics (with the recyclable symbol #1 thru #7), aluminum and tin cans, clean paper and cardboard. Place newspapers in a separate paper bag or clear plastic grocery bag.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The City of Lake Jackson will be flushing the fire hydrants on the following dates:

- Monday, May 6 thru Friday, May 10

Beware that there may be brown water (resulting from buildup of naturally occurring iron) coming from the faucets. Please refrain from washing laundry that could possibly be stained. Be sure not to dry the clothing, as this could set the stains. You can use Iron Out which is available in stores for stain removal.

Heavy Trash



If your Household Garbage pickup is **Mon. & Thurs.**, your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 1st and 3rd Monday.

If your Household Garbage pickup is **Tues. & Fri.**, your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 2nd and 4th Monday.

Please place your heavy trash on the curb no later than Monday at 8:00 a.m. of your corresponding Heavy Trash pickup week in order to ensure that it will be picked up during your designated week. City crews will only go through your area once during your assigned week. Please remember that when there is a 5th week in the month, there is no heavy trash pickup service.

The City will collect yard debris and normal household discarded furniture and appliances, such as refrigerators, washers, dryers (with doors removed or chained shut), sofas, chairs, beds, hot water heaters, and similar items.

Building materials, such as roofing shingles, concrete, brick and other construction debris will not be picked up. Please be sure to separate your yard debris from your normal household heavy trash. If your heavy trash exceeds 64 cubic feet of debris or 12 bags of leaves or grass clippings (approximately the size of the bed of a normal sized pickup truck) it will be considered an oversize load. A door hanger will be left at the residence with the cost to remove the debris and the phone number to schedule a pickup.

Senior Utility Discount

**SENIOR CITIZEN
DISCOUNT ON
UTILITY BILLS**

Seniors 65 and older are eligible for a discount on water bills.

To start receiving the discount bring proof of age to the utility billing department at City Hall.

You now have the ability pay utility bill online. Visit the city website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov to make your payment.

Public Works



Mulch Site

Did you know that the mulch site takes yard debris and turns it into free mulch for Lake Jackson residents? Residents may pick-up mulch once per quarter simply by showing their driver's license to the attendant. Please bring your own hand tools and containers to assist in loading the mulch.

The following are items that may be brought to the mulch site for proper disposal: Food grade cooking oils, antifreeze, motor oil, tires and any recyclable material except glass and styrofoam.

If you prefer not to wait for curbside heavy trash/yard debris pickup on your designated week, you are welcome to drop it off at our Mulch site.

Please note: Household garbage and/or construction remodeling material will not be accepted.

THE MULCH SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

103 Canna Lane (next to Brazosport Memorial Hospital)

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed for lunch: 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Tuesday - Friday only

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday & Monday



Personal Information Updates

***** NEW PHONE NUMBERS?
CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS?
Don't forget to call the Water Department &
update personal information. 979-415-2434 *****

PUBLIC WORKS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q: Is a permit required for a fence?

A: The City of Lake Jackson requires that a permit be obtained for fence repairs on an existing fence or for adding a new fence. This is a free of charge permit. A permit may be obtained from our Public Works Department in City Hall or from our website www.lakejackson-tx.gov under City Government/City Services/Building-Permits Issued/ Permit Applications/Fences. Along with the application, a survey of the property will be required to locate property lines and ensure the fence is placed within the allowable boundaries. You must indicate on the survey where the fence is going to be located. Once the permit and survey have been completed and turned in, it will be reviewed by the City Inspector for approval. After it has been approved, our Public Works Department will contact you to let you know it is ready to be picked up. You will be given a permit number to call in when you are ready for your inspections. The initial inspection needs to be made prior to cementing in the posts. Please contact our Public Works Department at 979-415-2430 with any questions.

Civic Center



LAKE JACKSON CIVIC CENTER PRESENTS

Spring Concert Series 2013

Friday, April 12
**Americana
Night!**



Mike Blakely



Woody Eastman

**Lake Jackson Civic Center
Memorial Plaza**

FRIDAYS 7PM - 9PM

RAIN OR SHINE. BRING A LAWN CHAIR
AND REFRESHMENTS. NO GLASS PLEASE.



Friday, April 19
**Brazos
Rock
Company**



Friday, April 26
**Level One
Band**

Friday, May 3
**Dennis Davis
Band**



Friday, May 10
**Buck Yeager
Band**

Friday, May 17
**Checkered
Past**



Friday, May 24
**Intercoastal
Pirates**

Friday, May 31
**Zack Kibodeaux/
Greg Essington
& Friends**



Friday, June 7
**What It Is
Band**



Friday, June 14

For information call 979.415.2600
or go to www.lakejackson-tx.gov



Friday, June 21
**The
Volumizers**

Civic Center 415-2600
Monday thru Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

Seniors



The Lake Jackson Senior Citizens Commission upholds their mission of "making a difference in the life of every person who is 55 and older".



The Lake Jackson Senior Commission meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

You are invited to attend!

Keep Posted on Current Events

- Check our ad in Wednesdays' Facts
- Website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov
- Channel 16 Comcast
- The LJ Civic Center

Museum



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Alden B. Dow Office Museum is open the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

Enchanted Oak Essay Contest Exhibit, May 7th - June 8th: Come learn more about the Enchanted Oak (the tree on the City logo) from the perspective of local 4th grade students!

Classic Summer Film Series, each Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in June, July and August: Join us at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum for a mystery filled summer as we show classic mystery movies.

Science Festival at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum, June 22nd, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Experience the science in the world around us through live demonstrations, crafts, activities and reptiles!

Plantation Day at the Abner Jackson Plantation, September 7th, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Walk through history at the Jackson Plantation with re-enactors, live trade demonstrations, crafts and games for the whole family. Admission is free. Donations help preserve the Archaeological Site.

Haunted Happenings at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum October 24th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Bring the whole family for an evening of games, crafts, tricks, treats and more! Admission is free.

THE LAKE JACKSON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

249 Circle Way

Open Tues. - Sat. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
and Sun. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

For tickets or information visit
www.lakejacksonmuseum.org or call 979-297-1570.

Recreational Events



at The
RECREATION CENTER!

No registration necessary, just come and join us!



Summer Movie Series

Join us for movies in the park! Kick back, relax and enjoy a movie with the family on our GIANT 16-foot screen! Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets, movies will be shown rain or shine! Movie titles will be announced, but please note they will be Rated G, PG or PG-13.

Location: MacLean Park Pavilion

Date: Fridays, May 31, June 28, July 26 & August 23

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE to the public, concessions will be available for purchase.

42 Dominoes

Whether you are new to the game or an old pro, you can join us any time!

Location: The Recreation Center Pool Party Room

Date: Tuesdays beginning April 2

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Fee: Regular admission fees apply

Bridge

Do you need a place to play? Come join us at The Recreation Center for this traditional card game.

Location: The Recreation Center Pool Party Room

Date: Thursdays beginning April 4

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Fee: Regular admission fees apply.

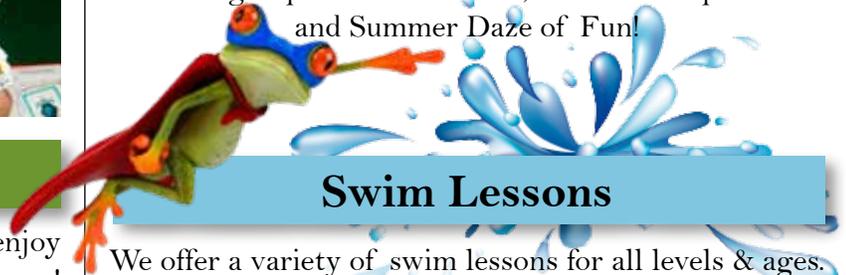
Rec. Center 297-4533

Monday thru Friday: 5:45 am - 9 pm
Saturday: 8 am - 6 pm • Sunday: 1 - 6 pm



Program Registration

Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
at The Recreation Center – Lake Jackson
Sign up for swim lessons, summer camps
and Summer Daze of Fun!



Swim Lessons

We offer a variety of swim lessons for all levels & ages. Sessions are June 17-27, July 8-18, July 29 - August 8 and August 19-22. Registration begins May 4. Private swim lessons are also available.

Outdoor Pool Special Events

SPLASH DAY - Saturday, June 8

Join us for a day full of fun, games & refreshments!

DOUBLE DIP DAYS - Friday, June 21 & Friday, August 9
FREE ice cream while it lasts!

JULY 4th CELEBRATION - Thursday, July 4
FREE hot dogs while they last!

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE POOL - Friday, July 19, 8-10:00 p.m.
Glow in the dark fun while you float & watch a movie!

END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY - Monday, September 2
Bring school supplies for FREE admission!

Lifeguard Training



Lifeguard, CPR & Water Safety Instructor Training Courses will be offered throughout the spring, contact Sara at ssadler@lakejacksontx.gov or call for details.

The Rec Center now offers TRX,
Spinning, Boot Camp and more!

www.lakejackson-tx.gov

Recreational Events



Friday Field Trips

A great way to beat the heat and have some fun! Join us as we travel to exciting places to play, explore and splash! Travelers will need to bring a sack lunch & drink, a snack will be provided.

Location: Meet at The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson

Dates: June 28 Putt-Putt Fun House
 July 12 Main Event
 July 26 Moody Gardens
 August 9 Schlitterbahn Galveston

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ages: 6-12

Fee: \$45 member/\$50 non-member
 (Schlitterbahn \$55 member/\$60 non-member)



MOODY GARDENS
GALVESTON ISLAND



Schlitterbahn
GALVESTON ISLAND WATERPARK



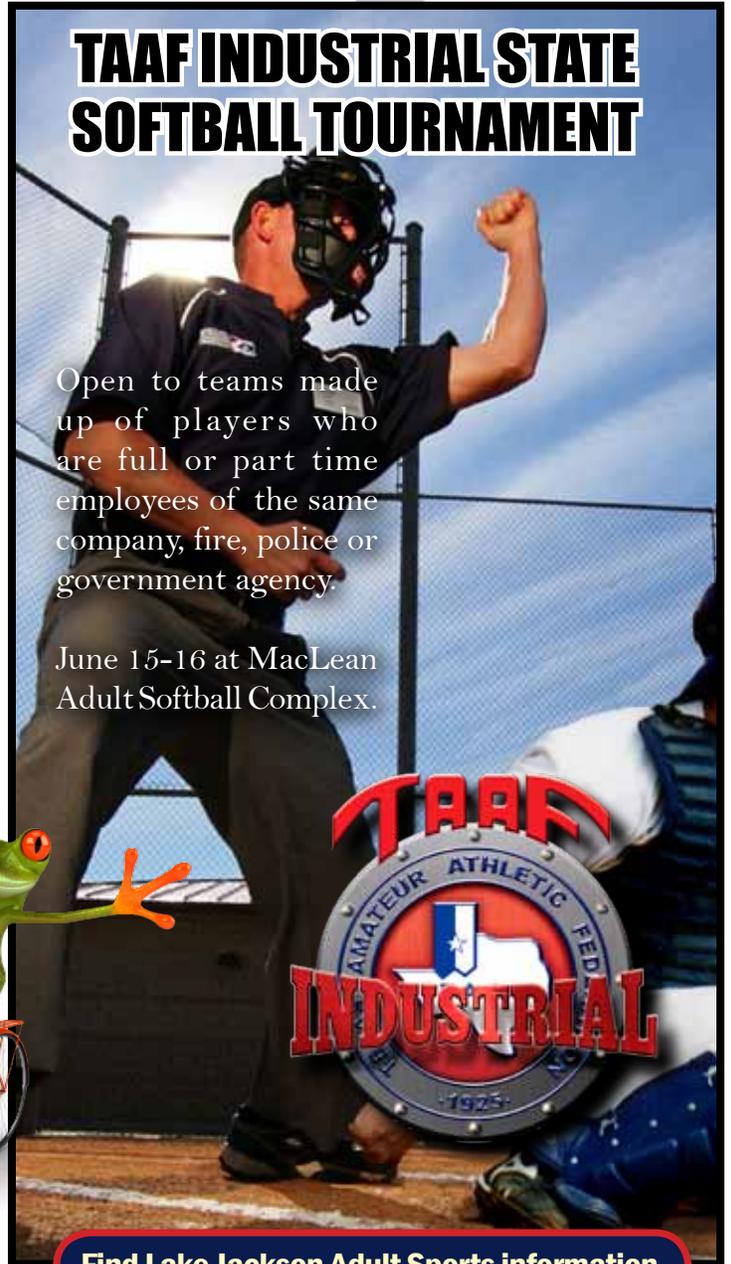
Martial Arts at The Rec Center

Adult Tai Chi and Youth & Adult Kung Fu are offered by Sifu Matt Torres. Contact him at baymoonkungfu@gmail.com or (979) 418-0509 for more details.

TAAF INDUSTRIAL STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Open to teams made up of players who are full or part time employees of the same company, fire, police or government agency.

June 15-16 at MacLean Adult Softball Complex.



For information about Recreational Events, call Michelle Parrish at The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson. (979)297-4533 or email mparrish@lakejacksontx.gov

Find Lake Jackson Adult Sports information online at www.teamsideline.com/lakejackson

Police



National Law Enforcement Week

MAY 12-18

Show your support for Law Enforcement by displaying a Blue ribbon on your vehicle. Blue Ribbons are available at the Lake Jackson Police Department and area businesses.



Youth Citizens Police Academy

JULY 8-11

Four-day summer program of instruction designed to give the young citizen a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department. The course, free of charge, consists of a series of classes including graduation. Classes are from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Wednesday and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 8-11. Students will arrive at the Lake Jackson Police Department each morning and will be provided a complimentary lunch. On Thursday there will be a graduation/luncheon. Parents are invited to attend the graduation. Class participants are students who have completed the seventh (7th) grade through seniors in high school. Classes consist of a maximum of 15 young men and women. The students' input from class evaluations is used in structuring the contents of future classes in hopes that the course will continue to be improved each year.

National Night Out

OCTOBER 1

5:30-7:30 p.m. • Maclean Park

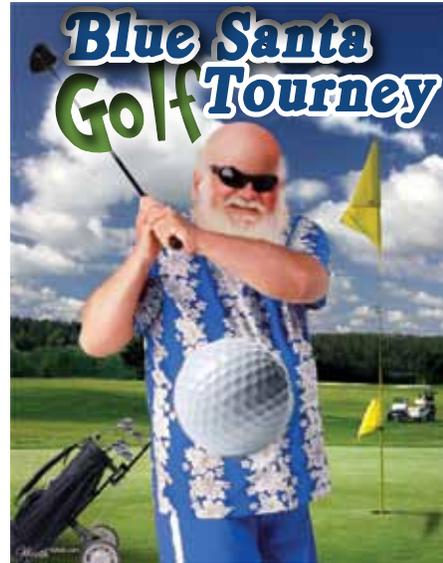
Hotdogs, chips, drinks provided. Emergency equipment on display. Children's activities. Crime prevention materials will be distributed. Come out and meet your first responders.

If you are having a neighborhood party, contact the Police Department so officers can stop by.

Blue Santa Golf Tournament

OCTOBER 14

Come out and play... help us raise money for the Lake Jackson Police Blue Santa Program.



9:00 a.m. Shotgun @ The Wilderness Golf Course
4-Person Scramble , \$85 per person.

Facebook



Keep up with what's happening at the Lake Jackson Police Department using our website www.lakejackson-tx.gov or Facebook www.facebook.com/lakejacksonpolice

AARP Driver Safety Classes



AT THE LJ POLICE DEPARTMENT

Driver Safety Course is 4 hours long and cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Most insurance companies offer discounts for course completion. Check the Police webpage and Facebook page for dates.

Police 415-2700



Summer Safety Reminders

Drivers, school is out or will be getting out soon. Watch for children playing outside, slow down around parks and in residential areas.

Be safe when swimming. Never jump or dive in pools, rivers or lakes until you make sure it is safe and deep enough. Be cautious in lakes and rivers for debris that might be submerged and out of sight.

Hunter Education Classes

JULY THRU OCTOBER

Check the Police website and Facebook pages for details.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Minimum age of certification is 9 years of age.

If you were born on or after September 2, 1971 and you are under 9 years of age, you must be accompanied*.

- Age 9 thru 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be accompanied*.
- Age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral" and you must be accompanied*.

* Accompanied means: In the presence of a person who is at least 17 years of age, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, and has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before September 2, 1971). You must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting.

Note: Certification is not required to purchase a hunting license.

LJ Parks & Rec Special Events

For more info. call Michelle Parrish at The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson. (979)297-4533 or email mparrish@lakejacksontx.gov

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive

Tuesdays, May 28, July 30, September 25
& November 26 (times TBA)

at The Recreation Center-Lake Jackson in Studio 5
Schedule an appointment online at www.giveblood.org,
enter sponsor code 0201, or walk-ins are welcome!



Kidfish

Sunday, April 21 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
at Morrison Park (Shy Pond) in Lake Jackson
Children under 17 years of age may participate. You may bring your own fishing equipment, but rods, reels, bait & tackle will be provided. A special trophy will be awarded to the child who catches the longest fish in their age group and prizes will also be awarded for children who turn in sponsorship money.
Sponsorship forms available at www.kidfish.com or
The Recreation Center – Lake Jackson.

City of Lake Jackson July 4th Fireworks Display

Thursday, July 4
Fireworks will be set off from Dunbar Park at dark.
Gather your family to enjoy an amazing display of one of the area's largest fireworks presentations.

Brazosport Relay Triathlon

Saturday, September 7 at MacLean Park
Each four-member team will complete an 1100Y swim,
two 5K runs and a 12.5 mile cycle.
www.brazosportrelaytriathlon.org for more information.

3rd Annual BCPOA 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, September 21 at MacLean Park
www.brazoriacountypoa.com for more details



Spring - Summer Fire Safety Checklist

Use this checklist to help determine if you and your family are fire safe. Every unchecked box points to a fire hazard.

Housekeeping Fire Safety

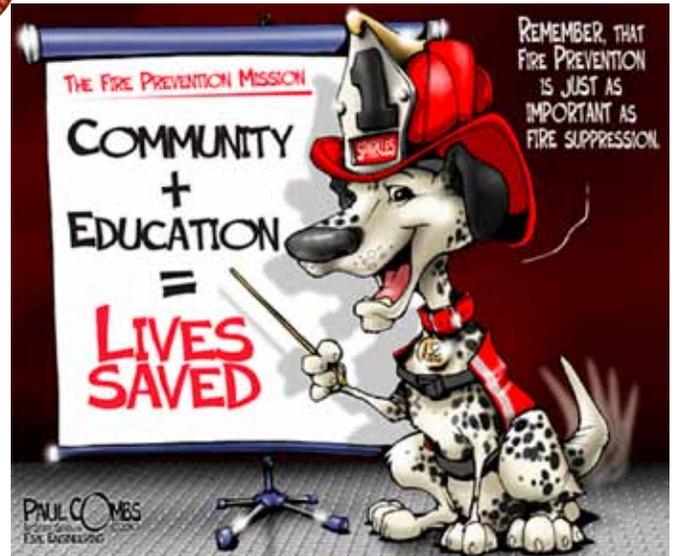
- Closets and attics are cleared of old rags, papers, mattresses, broken furniture and other combustible odds and ends.
- Used oily polishing rags or waste are placed in covered metal containers.
- Paint and varnish are stored in tightly covered containers away from sources of heat.
- Matches are kept out of reach of children.
- Child safety latches are installed on all drawers and cabinets containing harmful products.
- All cleaning products are kept in their original containers with the original labels.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are checked and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed at least every six months, or as directed by manufacturer's recommendations.
- Smoke alarms are installed on every floor and outside all bedrooms, in all bedrooms
- Smoke alarm batteries are never removed without being replaced - under any circumstances.

Kitchen/Cooking Fire Safety

- A "safety area" is established in the kitchen to keep small children confined and away from hot surfaces, hot liquids and flames.
- Short or tight-fitting sleeves are worn during cooking as loose sleeves could catch fire easily.
- Appliances are allowed to cool before putting them away and cords are never wrapped around warm appliances.
- Only a thermostatically controlled electric deep fryer is used when deep fat frying.



- A tight fitting lid is kept nearby so it can be used to cover a pot if oil ignites.
- No food is left unattended while cooking.
- All paper and cloth materials are kept away from heat sources.
- Pot handles turned inward to prevent them from getting bumped or grabbed.
- Children are never being held while an adult is cooking.
- Exhaust filters are checked for dirt and grease build-up and the filters are cleaned regularly.
- Microwave safe dishes are always used in the microwave and metal is never used.
- Outlets and cords have been checked to make sure they are safe.
- Grease and food are cleaned off stove after every use.

Yard & Garage Fire Safety

- Yards are cleared of leaves, debris and combustibles.
- Surrounding properties that are vacant are cleared of weeds, dry leaves and rubbish.
- Mulch is at least a foot away from the house with a non-combustible barrier in between, such as rock.
- Gasoline for use in a power mower or out-board motor is stored in a strong, metal safety-type can with self-closing caps on the openings. 5 gals max. storage
- Garages attached to the house are separated by a tight-fitting door which is kept closed.



Your Fire Department Needs You!

If your home were to catch fire today who would put out that fire? For a vast majority of Americans the answer is, volunteers. The men and women responding will be the same people who are also your plumbers, chemical operators and bank tellers. According to the National Volunteer Fire Council in the United States there are just over 30,000 fire departments. Only 2,000 of these departments have a 100% full time paid staff. The remaining 28,000 fill their ranks with citizens donating their time. Unfortunately the number of people willing and/or able to join the local fire department is diminishing. Yet suburban communities continue to grow.

Why should I volunteer with the Fire Department?

Only the individual can truly know why he or she chooses to become a volunteer. There are many who will say because it feels good to help others. Some may say they like the excitement and the challenges they face. Others may say my father and grandfather volunteered..(Mothers too!) But only you, will really know why you want to volunteer. We encourage you to talk with our members and to consider volunteering with one of the longest volunteer traditions in the country.

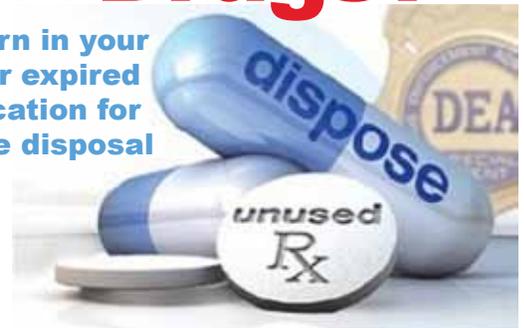
Who is the LJVFD?

Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of all volunteers, from the Fire Chief down to the newest member. We have 48 members running out of two fire station and operating 16 pieces of city equipment. We break down into three companies and respond to an average of 550 calls a year and conduct fire training every Wednesday night from 6-8pm. If you are interested in talking to someone about becoming a Lake Jackson Volunteer firefighter, come by Fire Station # 1 (10 Oak Drive) or email the Fire Chief at firechief@lakejacksontx.gov.

THE CITY NEEDS YOU!

Got Drugs?

Turn in your
unused or expired
medication for
safe disposal



National Rx Take Back Day

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Lake Jackson EMS – 10 Oak Drive

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Questions? Call 979-415-2714 OR 979-415-2407

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards. You can help prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding your home of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted medications.

Tips:

- All items can be left in the original packaging.
- You do not have to empty bottles into a zip lock. You may leave the items as you found them and bring them for disposal.
- All “over the counter” medicines/drugs are accepted. For example: cough syrup, anti-acids, aspirin, cough drops, eye drops. Anything you can purchase without a prescription.
- All prescription medicines/drugs are accepted. For example: Vicadin, Lipitor, Nexium, Plavix, Seroquel, Advair Diskus.
- Needles will be accepted and disposed.
- The RX does not have to be in your name. We do not check the label or ask how the RX drugs came into your possession.

If you have any questions, please contact the Brazoria County Coalition Coordinator, Dannielle Meyer, at Dannielle.meyer@bacoda.com or 832-330-5898





Volunteers Needed

In late May the Lake Jackson City Council will consider appointments of volunteers to serve on its various Boards and Commissions. Vacancies may or may not occur on the listed boards:

Most of the Boards and Commissions meet once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Dixie Roberts, Asst. City Secretary at 415-2401, come by City Hall and pick up an application, or visit our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov. Electronic applications can be sent to droberts@lakejacksontx.gov. Please submit your applications as soon as possible.

Lake Jackson's Website has a new look!



NOTIFY ME

Visit 'notify me' and sign up to receive email or text messages about items you are interested in (special events, agendas, job openings and more...).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Are you organizing a fundraiser, garage sale, special event in Lake Jackson? Add it to the Community Calendar so other residents can view it.

Check us out!!



www.lakejackson-tx.gov

Did you know.....

All City Council meetings are open to the public. That anyone is invited to attend.

- All Boards and Commission meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.
- Minutes of the City Council, Planning Commission, Traffic Commission meetings are posted on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov
- The city's website also includes a calendar of meetings.



Hurricane Season is JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30

Watch for your 2013 Brazoria County Hurricane Preparedness Guide in the mail.

If you believe you may need transportation assistance during a hurricane evacuation, please Dial 2-1-1 and register now before hurricane season begins.



City Ordinances & Resolutions

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed by City Council recently. For more information on City Ordinances go to www.lakejackson-tx.org and check out the Code of Ordinance link.

Ordinance #	Ordinance Description
12-1997	Amend Ch. 106 Vehicles for Hire updating how Police Department contacts wreckers on wrecker rotation list and update how motor bus transport companies are approved to operate in city
12-1998	Rezoning 200 Oak Drive South Lot 3B, Tract 2 of Plantation Village Section 2 from B-1 Neighborhood Business to B-1A Professional Offices
12-1999	Amending Chapter 78 Signs allowing business operators of multi-occupancy structures to display tenant banners in front of multi-occupancy structures.
12-2000	Amend Chapter 95 Telecommunication to allow flexibility for location of Towers
12-2001	Placing 4-way stop signs downtown at the intersections of This Way, Parking Way, Center Way, Circle Way
12-2002	Amend school zone times around 7th and 8th grade campus
12-2003	Remove stop signs on Huisache at Pecan
13-2004	Rezoning Phase II of the Oyster Bend Subdivision from R-1 to R-2
13-2005	Amending Chapter 78 Signs to allow pole signs in commercial areas on private property
13-2006	Calling City Municipal Election for May 11, 2013
13-2007	No Parking north side of Ligustrum from Ash to Nasturtium 2:30-4 p.m. on school days

Resolution #	Resolution Description
12-648	Amending the City of Lake Jackson's Investment Plan
12-649	Authorizing lease contract for (4) Zoll X-series Manual Monitor/Defibrillators with Kansas State Bank of Manhattan in an amount not to exceed \$143,410.50
12-650	Amend Capital Projects FY 12-13 budget to include median cut at Flagridge Estates in the amount of \$5,000
12-651	Appoint Houston-Galveston Area Council Representative and Alternate
12-652	Amend the General Projects Budget for Museum Roof \$31,099
12-653	Authorizing City Manager to place parking spaces on a temporary basis for downtown businesses due to construction parking congestion.
12-654	Authorizing the lease of Pro Core Greens aerifier with PNC Equipment Finance in an amount not to exceed \$13,104.75 for 36 months
13-655	Showing support of Legislation during the 83rd Legislative Session of the State of Texas that will increase funding for Texas Parks and Recreation Programs
13-656	Amend FY 12-13 budget for yearend transfers: \$750,000 from General Fund balance to General Capital Projects fund; and transferring \$175,000 from Utility Fund balance to Utility Capital Projects fund.
13-657	Amend FY 12-13 Budget transferring \$30,790.00 from Equipment Replacement Fund balance and increase expenditures Equipment Replacement to purchase one (1) CNG powered pickup
13-658	Amend FY 12-13 Budget for Emergency Storm Drainage Pipe Replacement at Fire Station #1 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000
13-659	Support of the Gulf Coast Center Connect Transit Being Designated as the Direct Recipient of FY 2013 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Funding For FY 2013
13-660	Declaring Intent To Reimburse expenditures with the proceeds of Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4 M for construction or reconstructing and improving drainage utilities, utilities, all pavements and grading of various streets in the 2010 street bond program to include Magnolia street from 816 Magnolia to US 288 Frontage Road at Plantation; Gardenia Street from Magnolia Ditch to Azalea Street; Laurel Street from 211 Laurel to Azalea; Chinaberry Street from Elm Street to Azalea Street; Camellia Street from Winding Way East to N. Yaupon Street; and Camellia Court, Vinca Ct., Elm Ct., Bluebonnet Ct., Hybiscus Ct., Lantana Ct., Periwinkle Ct., Lupine Ct. in their entirety

MAKING IT EASY TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

1. Come to City Hall and make your payment with cash, check or credit card
2. Mail your payment to 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson TX 77566
3. Sign up for Auto Bank Draft. There is no charge for this.
4. Go to www.lakejackson-tx.gov, click on the button that says "Online Payments". You will need your account number to do this. There is no charge for this.

RECEIVE YOUR WATER BILL BY EMAIL!!!!!!

The City of Lake Jackson Water Department now has the ability to notify you by email when your utility bill is ready. After signing up for this service you will receive an email telling you that E-notification has been successfully set up on your account. When your account bills an email will be sent notifying you of a new bill. The email will show you the amount due and the due date. Currently we will continue to send the paper bill as well. In the future, we may give you the option to stop paper billing and just receive email notifications. If you are interested in signing up for E-Notifications please complete the following form and return it to the water department.



cut along dotted line

complete form and return to:



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON - WATER DEPARTMENT
25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson TX 77566-5289
Phone: 979-415-2434 Fax: 979-297-9804

This form is a request to receive notification of your monthly Utility Bill from The City of Lake Jackson at the email address given. By signing this form, you authorize The City of Lake Jackson to communicate your Utility Bill through their E-Notifications system.

EMAIL MY UTILITY BILL TO:

Account Number: _____

Name on Account: _____

Service Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Signature: _____



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LOOKING FOR AN EASY AND CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY YOUR WATER BILL?

Sign up for Automatic Bank Draft

There is no charge for this service. Your payment will be taken out of your account on your due date each month. Bills are still mailed out each month showing the amount due and the due date. Just complete the form, attach a voided check and return it to the water department. It's that easy!



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson TX 77566-5289

Phone: 979-415-2434 Fax: 979-297-9804

AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT

Name on Your Utility Statement: _____

Utility Account Number: _____

Service Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Financial Institution Name: _____

Financial Institution Address (City & State): _____

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER TO BE CHARGED _____ **CIRCLE ONE**
checking / savings

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING!!!!

I authorize the City of Lake Jackson to begin deductions for my monthly utility bill with the financial institution named. Enrollment in the automatic payment plan may be discontinued any time by sending a request, in writing, to the City of Lake Jackson. My authority will remain in effect until revoked by my financial institution, the City of Lake Jackson, or myself. I understand that both my financial institution and the City of Lake Jackson have the right to terminate this payment plan or my participation therein. *If I have two insufficient bank drafts within a year, the City will terminate my enrollment in bank drafting.*

I understand that I will be responsible for the first bill that I receive after the City obtains my application. However if my bank is currently set up in the bank drafting program my automatic payment plan will be effective with my first bill. This bill will have a message at the bottom stating: **BANK DRAFT-DO NOT PAY. PAYMENT WILL BE DRAFTED ON THE DUE DATE!**

Signature (Must be authorized for the account listed above)

Date

WRITE "VOID" ACROSS CHECK AND TAPE HERE
(Please tape—DO NOT STAPLE)



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Lake Jackson, TX 77566

The City of  *Enchantment*



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The City of Lake Jackson has Cable Channel 16 to provide a variety of information. For questions concerning information on this channel, contact Kim Knapp at 979-415-2407.